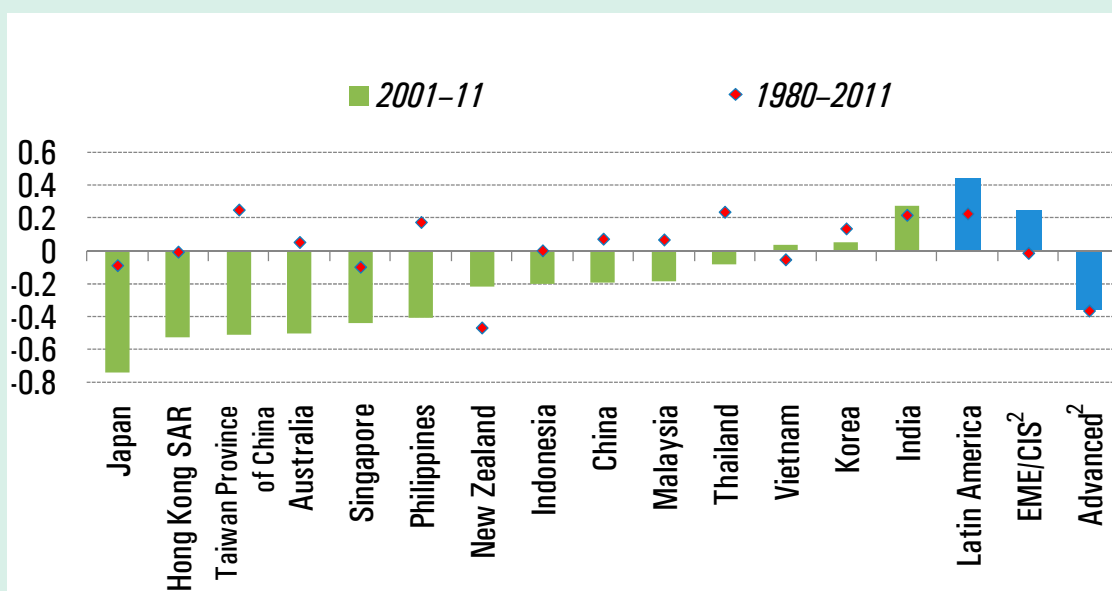**Figure 2.1. Correlation Between Government Spending and GDP[1]**

Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook database; and IMF staff estimates.

[1] Correlations between the cyclical components of real government expenditure per capita and real GDP per capita. A positive (negative) correlation indicates procyclical (countercyclical) fiscal policy.

[2] Advanced economies excluding Asia. EME/CIS stands for Emerging Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States.